

Appl. No. 10/016,825
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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002] This application is related to U.S. application 09/016,826, filed November 9, 2001 by Harvey A. Schwertner and Joseph R. Fisher, Jr., now U.S. Patent #,###,###, titled Bilirubin Tests as Risk Predictors for Cancer Mortality, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Gilbert's Syndrome and All-Cause Mortality, the invention description of which is incorporated by reference into this application. U.S. Patent #,###,### and this application are based on a related series of studies of the utility of bilirubin tests as a risk predictor for various diseases.